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Senate Bill No. 452

Senate, March 25, 2009

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-343 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish annually the
4 maximum allowable rate to be paid by [said] agencies for homemaker
5 services, chore person services, companion services, respite care, meals
6 on wheels, adult day care services, case management and assessment
7 services, transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster
8 care, except that the maximum allowable rates in effect July 1, 1990,
9 shall remain in effect during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1992, and
10 June 30, 1993. The Commissioner of Social Services shall prescribe
11 uniform forms on which agencies providing such services shall report
12 their costs for such services. Such rates shall be determined on the
13 basis of a reasonable payment for necessary services rendered. The
14 maximum allowable rates established by the Commissioner of Social
15 Services for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly

16 established under section 17b-342 shall constitute the rates required
 17 under this section until revised in accordance with this section. The
 18 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a fee schedule, to be
 19 effective on and after July 1, 1994, for homemaker services, chore
 20 person services, companion services, respite care, meals on wheels,
 21 adult day care services, case management and assessment services,
 22 transportation, mental health counseling and elderly foster care. The
 23 commissioner may annually increase any fee in the fee schedule based
 24 on an increase in the cost of services. The commissioner shall increase
 25 the fee schedule effective July 1, 2000, by not less than five per cent, for
 26 adult day care services. The commissioner shall increase the fee
 27 schedule effective July 1, 2009, to establish a rate of payment of not less
 28 than seventy dollars per person, per day for adult day care services.
 29 Nothing contained in this section shall authorize a payment by the
 30 state to any agency for such services in excess of the amount charged
 31 by such agency for such services to the general public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	17b-343
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AGE *Joint Favorable C/R*

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Department of Social Services	GF - Cost	1.48 million	1.48 million

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to increase the per diem fee for adult day care services to \$70, which represents an increase of \$6.45 per day. Based on the approximately 230,000 days of adult day care for which the department pays annually, this would result in an increased state cost of \$1.48 million.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

Sources: DSS cost and caseload data

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 452*****AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS.*****SUMMARY:**

Beginning July 1, 2009, this bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to increase to a minimum of \$70 per person, the daily rate paid to adult day centers for services provided under the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE). Currently, the state pays a daily rate of \$63.55 per person for medical model adult day centers and \$57.93 for social model adult day centers. (This rate includes transportation to and from the center.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

BACKGROUND***Adult Day Centers***

Adult day centers are community-based, nonresidential centers where frail seniors and disabled adults can go during the day if they cannot be home alone.

Centers generally operate on either a "social model" or a "medical model." The social model serves people who need supervision and activities to reduce social isolation, but it does not provide extensive personal care and medical monitoring. The medical model provides nursing, personal care, and other medical services. Currently, 41 of the state's 48 certified centers are medical models and seven are social models.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Aging

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 8 Nay 0 (02/03/2009)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 5 (03/10/2009)